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PDC LEADS NATION IN BALLOT INITIATIVE DISCLOSURE

Olympia – The State Public Disclosure Commission received the highest national rating for ballot measure disclosure in a new study conducted by the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Foundation based in Washington, D.C.

“Washington’s relatively new online disclosure program is a model for the country, and the Public Disclosure Commission is working to make it even better,” said Kristina Wilfore, the foundation’s director.

Washington State surpassed California, the only other state to receive an “A” in the study, for the quality of its online campaign finance information.

Vicki Rippie, Executive Director of the PDC, said the ranking is a direct result of support from the Governor and the Legislature.

“We have worked extremely hard to utilize our limited resources in providing the public with accurate, accessible and timely information,” Rippie said. “To be recognized for that work in a national study is very gratifying.”

The BISC Foundation’s research is the first comprehensive effort to document online initiative donor disclosure practices in the 24 states with the ballot measure process. The study evaluated the states on timeliness of disclosure, clear and easily accessible donor data and the ability to link the relationship of ballot measure committees to the related ballot initiative.

“Washington may have the single best overall disclosure program of any state in the country,” Wilfore concluded.”